unknown flocked together about the Lord Keeper Thereupon he told the Earl of Essex that they were sent from her Majesty to understand the cause of their present assemblage, and to let them know that if they had any particular cause of grief, it should be heard and they have justice

Hereat the Earl of Essex loudly declared that his life was sought [3] that he should have been murdered in his bed [+] that he had been perfidiously dealt with , that his hand had been counterfeited and letters written in his name, and therefore they were assembled to defend their lives, with other such like speeches. The Lord Keeper again assured him that whatever pnvate offence he had against any person, they would faithfully and honourably submit it to her Majesty, and required htm, if he would not declare it openly, to impart it to them pnvately

Upon this there was a great clamour raised among the multitude, crying[c] Away my Lord,' * They abuse you/ * They betray you,[3] * They undo you,[5] [c] You lose time * So the Lord Keeper put on his hat and said with a loud voice, [c] My Lord, let us speak with you pnvately and understand your griefs * * at the same time he commanded them all on their allegiance, to lay down their weapons and depart At this they brake out into an exceeding loud shout of * All, all, all.' Meanwhile the Earl of Essex and most part of the company put on their hats, and so the Earl went into the house, the Lord Keeper following him As they were going in, some of the disordered company cried, * Kill them *, others,[c] Cast the Great Seal out of the Window'; and others,[c] Let us shop them up * The Earl of Essex brought the Lord Keeper and the rest into his book chamber and there

gave order to have the further door of that chamber shut fast.
Then at his going forth he said, * My Lords, be patient a while
and stay here, and I will go into London and take order with
the Mayor and Sheriffs for the City and will be here again
within half an hour *, and so departed from the Lord Keeper,
leaving him and the rest and divers of the gentlemen pensioners
in that room guarded by Sir John Davies, Francis Tresham and
Owen Salisbury with musket shot.

This coming of the Councillors being all unexpected my Lord
of Essex forgot his main design, and, committing the defence